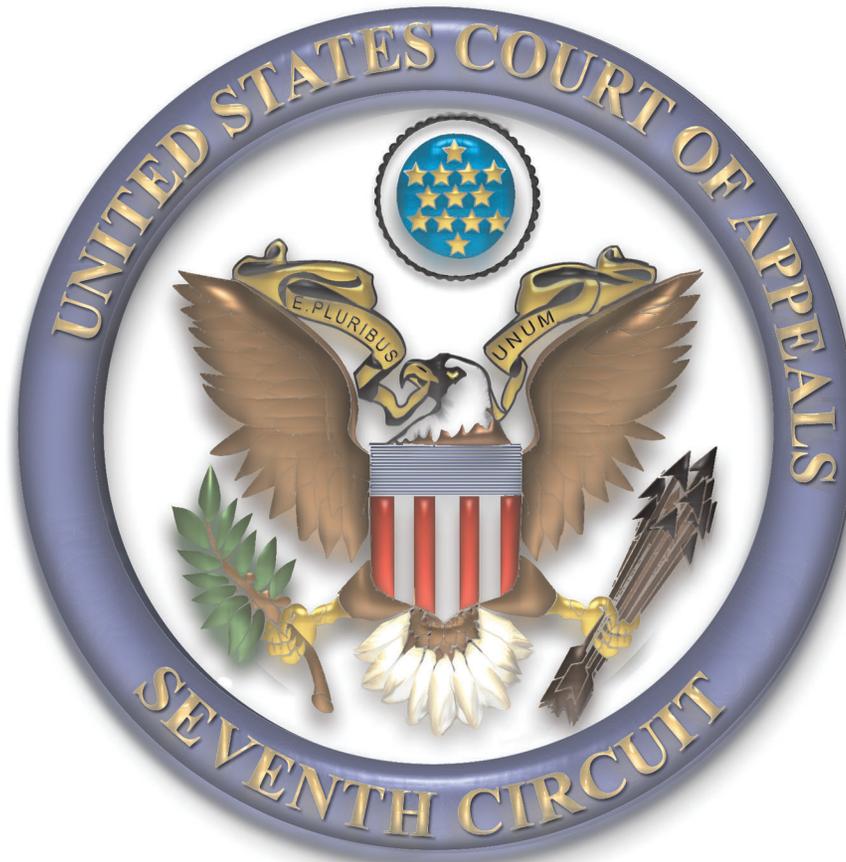


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## **Report on the Business of the Federal Courts of the Seventh Circuit For the Twelve Month Period From January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003**

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The following annual report is submitted to the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual joint meeting of the Judicial Conference of the Seventh Circuit and the Seventh Circuit Bar Association held on May 9<sup>th</sup> through May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at the InterContinental Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. This report is a collection of statistical data from every court of the circuit and national comparison data for the Circuit Courts of Appeal.

There are a number of people responsible for the collection and assembly of the data contained in these pages. Mr. Steven Schlesinger, Ms. Marilyn Miller, Mr. Maurice Galloway, along with Ms. Gwen Coleman and Ms. Pragati Patrick of the Analytical Services and Statistical Division of the Administrative Office were very helpful. We thank them for their hard work, professional service and good advice. Also, thanks to Mr. Christopher Conway, Mr. Dale Russell and Ms. Patricia Brodie of the Court of Appeals. This data is available on the Court of Appeals web page at [www.ca7.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov).

This report shows that the federal courts of the Seventh Circuit continue to be busy and productive.

Respectfully submitted,

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for the Seventh Circuit

Court of Appeals  
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Seventh Circuit Tables

Table 1

APPEALS DOCKETED AND TERMINATED DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1971 THROUGH 2003

YEAR	DOCKETED	% CHANGE	TERMINATED	% CHANGE
1998	3,374	1.4%	3,353	0.9%
1999	3,432	1.7%	3,186	-0.5%
2000	3,419	-0.4%	3,804	19.4%
2001	3,447	0.8%	3,523	-7.4%
2002	3,466	0.6%	3,333	-5.4%
2003	3,418	-1.4%	3,275	-1.7%
AVG.(71-03)	2,453	4.7%	2,400	5.0%
AVG.(71-80)	1,384	8.9%	1,306	8.3%
AVG.(81-90)	2,407	4.7%	2,298	5.7%
AVG.(91-00)	3,243	1.8%	3,283	4.0%
AVG.(01-03)	3,444	0.0%	3,377	-4.8%

NOTE: Beginning October 1, 1998, data are reported for types of original proceedings previously not presented in this table.

Table 2

## APPEALS COMMENCED, TERMINATED AND PENDING DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

CASE TYPE	CASES PENDING 01/01/03	CASES COMMENCED			PROCEDURAL TERMINATIONS				TERMINATIONS ON THE MERITS			TOTAL TERMINATIONS	CASES PENDING 12/31/03
		ORIGINAL	REINSTATED	TOTAL	BY CONSOLIDATION	BY JUDGES	BY STAFF	TOTAL	AFTER ORAL HEARING	AFTER SUBMISSION ON BRIEFS	TOTAL		
Criminal	511	582	1	583	74	39	124	163	239	97	336	573	521
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	155	333	14	347	6	164	117	281	13	61	74	361	141
Other U.S. Civil	123	174	2	176	6	12	36	48	66	44	110	164	135
Private Prisoner Petitions	363	730	16	746	11	222	303	525	40	147	187	723	386
Other Private Civil	767	1,026	2	1,028	75	98	397	495	336	116	452	1,022	773
Bankruptcy	34	64	0	64	4	8	12	20	17	8	25	49	49
Administrative Cases	181	309	1	310	24	41	89	130	54	15	69	223	268
Original Proceedings	15	164	0	164	0	25	7	32	0	128	128	160	19
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,149</b>	<b>3,382</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3,418</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>3,275</b>	<b>2,292</b>

NOTE: This table includes appeals reopened, remanded, and reinstated (after being terminated due to procedural defaults) as well as original appeals.

Table 3

**SOURCE OF APPEALS AND ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 THROUGH 2003**

SOURCE	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>ILLINOIS</b>						
NORTHERN	1,263	1,225	1,137	1,143	1,186	1,116
CENTRAL	290	276	326	351	306	284
SOUTHERN	311	277	278	253	267	249
<b>INDIANA</b>						
NORTHERN	275	318	293	309	329	324
SOUTHERN	388	339	351	346	402	385
<b>WISCONSIN</b>						
EASTERN	343	369	329	312	329	277
WESTERN	256	254	273	241	236	245
<b>BANKRUPTCY</b>	45	42	36	44	44	64
<b>U.S.TAX COURT</b>	15	11	19	23	7	10
<b>N.L.R.B.</b>	31	41	27	38	19	34
<b>ALL OTHER AGENCIES</b>	86	81	78	85	150	266
<b>ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS *</b>	71	199	272	302	191	164
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,374</b>	<b>3,432</b>	<b>3,419</b>	<b>3,447</b>	<b>3,466</b>	<b>3,418</b>

NOTE: This table includes appeals reopened, remanded, and reinstated (after being terminated due to procedural defaults) as well as original appeals.

\* Beginning October 1, 1998, data are reported for types of original proceedings previously not presented in this table.

Table 4

**SOURCE OF APPEALS IN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES FROM U.S. DISTRICT COURTS  
DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

DISTRICT COURTS	APPEALS FILED			APPEALS TERMINATED		
	TOTAL	CIVIL	CRIMINAL	TOTAL	CIVIL	CRIMINAL
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	1,116	880	236	1,101	867	234
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	284	231	53	271	207	64
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	249	196	53	237	171	66
INDIANA NORTHERN	324	271	53	317	255	62
INDIANA SOUTHERN	385	317	68	379	344	35
WISCONSIN EASTERN	277	217	60	301	245	56
WISCONSIN WESTERN	245	185	60	237	181	56
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>2,297</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>2,843</b>	<b>2,270</b>	<b>573</b>

NOTE: Totals Include reopened, remanded, and reinstated appeals as well as original appeals.

Table 5

APPEALS FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING FROM U.S. DISTRICT COURTS  
DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS	FILINGS		TERMINATIONS		PENDING	
	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
CRIMINAL	583	17.1%	573	17.5%	521	22.7%
U.S. PRISONER PETITIONS	347	10.2%	361	11.0%	141	6.2%
OTHER U.S. CIVIL	176	5.1%	164	5.0%	135	5.9%
PRIV. PRISONER PETITIONS	746	21.8%	723	22.1%	386	16.8%
OTHER PRIVATE CIVIL	1,028	30.1%	1,022	31.2%	773	33.7%
BANKRUPTCY	64	1.9%	49	1.5%	49	2.1%
ADMINISTRATIVE CASES	310	9.1%	223	6.8%	268	11.7%
ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS	164	4.8%	160	4.9%	19	0.8%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,418</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,275</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,292</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

NOTE: Totals include appeals reopened, remanded, and reinstated (after being terminated due to procedural defaults) as well as original appeals.

Table 6

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY, BANKRUPTCY AND ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995 THROUGH 2003

AGENCY	1995-96	1996-97	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Agriculture Department	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
Benefits Review Board	10	10	2	3	0	11	4	4
Commodity Futures Trading Commission	2	7	2	1	0	1	1	0
Environmental Protection Agency	4	0	3	0	1	6	2	14
Federal Aviation Administration	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Federal Communications Commission	0	1	9	0	1	0	0	1
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	0	5	6	3	0	2	0	0
Federal Labor Relations Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Reserve System	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Trade Commission	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Health Care Financing Administration	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Health and Human Services	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Immigration and Naturalization Service **	46	55	47	66	57	50	135	236
Internal Revenue Service	*	*	*	11	19	23	7	10
Interstate Commerce Commission	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Labor Department	0	2	1	1	0	6	0	3
National Labor Relations Board	23	55	31	41	27	38	19	34
Occupational Safety and Health Administration	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	1
Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission	2	5	3	0	0	0	0	2
Office of Worker's Compensation Programs	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Railroad Retirement Board	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	1
Securities and Exchange Commission	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
Transportation Department	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Treasury Department	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
United States Postal Service	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total From Federal Agencies	95	151	113	131	124	146	176	310
Appeals from Bankruptcy Proceedings	89	62	45	42	36	44	44	64
Original Petitions *	24	37	71	199	272	302	191	164
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>538</b>

\* Beginning October 1, 1998, data are reported for types of proceedings previously not presented in this table.

\*\* As of March 1, 2003, the former Immigration and Naturalization Service was abolished and its functions incorporated into the Department of Homeland Security.

Table 7

## APPEALS TERMINATED ON THE MERITS DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

		CRIMINAL	U.S. PRISONER PETITIONS	OTHER U.S. CIVIL	PRIVATE PRISONER PETITIONS	OTHER PRIVATE CIVIL	BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS	ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS	ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS**	TOTALS
TOTAL APPEALS	2002	533	378	174	773	1,122	44	114	195	3,333
TERMINATED	2003	573	361	164	723	1,022	49	223	160	3,275
% OF TOTAL	2002	60.6%	29.1%	58.6%	28.1%	40.3%	47.7%	43.9%	84.6%	43.2%
TERMINATIONS	2003	58.6%	20.5%	67.1%	25.9%	44.2%	51.0%	30.9%	80.0%	42.2%
TOTAL ON	2002	323	110	102	217	452	21	50	165	1,440
MERITS	2003	336	74	110	187	452	25	69	128	1,381
AFFIRMED /	2002	220	75	86	172	365	14	33	157	1,122
ENFORCED	2003	227	59	84	156	347	16	52	125	1,066
DISMISSED	2002	75	0	1	0	0	1	1	5	83
	2003	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	78
REVERSED	2002	21	33	12	37	75	6	8	3	195
	2003	31	11	19	27	81	6	9	1	185
REMANDED	2002	2	0	1	2	4	0	3	0	12
	2003	0	3	1	0	3	0	3	0	10
OTHER	2002	5	2	2	6	8	0	5	0	28
	2003	2	1	6	4	21	3	5	0	42
PERCENT	2002	6.5%	30.0%	11.8%	17.1%	16.6%	28.6%	16.0%	**	15.1%
REVERSED *	2003	9.2%	14.9%	17.3%	14.4%	17.9%	24.0%	13.0%	**	14.7%

\* This percentage is calculated on the basis of decisions on the merits only.

\*\* No percentage of cases reversed has been computed for original proceedings because of their difference from appeals, nor have they been included in the percentage of total appeals reversed.

Table 8

## APPEALS TERMINATED BY PROCEDURAL JUDGMENTS DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	CRIMINAL	U.S. PRISONER PETITIONS	OTHER U.S. CIVIL	PRIVATE PRISONER PETITIONS	PRIVATE CIVIL	BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS	OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS	ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS	TOTAL
<b>BY JUDGES</b>									
JURISDICTIONAL DEFECTS	17	16	9	36	55	5	14	0	152
FRAP 42*	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	7
DEFAULT	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	6
CERT - APPEALABILITY	0	131	0	143	0	0	0	0	274
OTHER	20	17	3	42	36	3	24	25	170
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>609</b>
<b>BY STAFF</b>									
FRAP 42 *	111	33	21	40	314	11	70	0	600
DEFAULT	8	80	15	260	77	1	16	0	457
OTHER	5	4	0	3	6	0	3	7	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1,085</b>
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1,694</b>

\* Voluntary Dismissal under Rule 42(b), Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

NOTE: Totals include appeals reopened, remanded and reinstated (after being terminated due to procedural defaults) as well as original appeals. Juris Defects = Jurisdictional Defects; CPC = Certificate of Probable Cause; Cert. Appealability = Certificate of Appealability.

Table 9

**MEDIAN TIME INTERVALS\* IN CASES TERMINATED AFTER HEARING OR SUBMISSION BY CIRCUIT  
DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

TOTAL CASES	ALL APPEALS		PRISONER PETITIONS		OTHER CIVIL		CRIMINAL		ADMIN. AGENCY		BANKRUPTCY	
	27,291	1,381	5,136	261	8,564	562	8,044	336	2,259	69	437	25
AVERAGES	NAT.	7TH CIR.	NAT.	7TH CIR.	NAT.	7TH CIR.	NAT.	7TH CIR.	NAT.	7TH CIR.	NAT.	7TH CIR.
FROM FILING OF NOTICE OF APPEAL APPEAL TO FILING LAST BRIEF	5.3	4.9	5.9	7.5	4.7	4.1	5.9	5.6	-	-	5.0	3.5
FROM FILING LAST BRIEF TO HEARING OR SUBMISSION	3.5	2.7	3.7	3.0	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.1	3.5	2.7	4.4	3.1
FROM HEARING TO FINAL DISPOSITION	2.1	2.5	2.0	2.8	2.2	2.7	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.4	3.3
FROM SUBMISSION TO FINAL DISPOSITION	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.2
FROM FILING OF NOTICE OF APPEAL TO FINAL DISPOSITION	10.4	10.0	9.1	10.1	11.2	10.1	10.4	9.9	-	-	12.2	8.8
FROM FILING IN LOWER COURT TO FINAL DISPOSITION IN APPELLATE COURT	25.9	25.7	24.4	23.1	29.8	29.1	22.8	23.4	-	-	21.8	17.0

\* All time intervals are reported in months.

This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Table 10

CIVIL APPEALS COMMENCED, TERMINATED AND PENDING BY NATURE OF SUIT OR OFFENSE DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

NATURE OF SUIT	FILED	TERMINATED	PENDING
<b>TOTAL CIVIL CASES</b>	<b>2,297</b>	<b>2,270</b>	<b>1,435</b>
<b>U.S. CASES</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>276</b>
<b>U.S. AS PLAINTIFF ( TOTAL)</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>
CONTRACT ACTIONS	0	1	1
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	0	0	0
TORT ACTIONS	0	1	0
CIVIL RIGHTS	2	3	2
FORFEITURE & PENALTY	4	2	2
LABOR	0	1	0
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES & EXCHANGE	1	0	1
TAX SUITS	4	3	1
ALL OTHER	4	5	4
<b>U.S. AS DEFENDANT (TOTAL)</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>265</b>
CONTRACT ACTIONS	3	3	0
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	2	1	1
TORT ACTIONS	13	10	14
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>			
EMPLOYMENT	27	33	20
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	25	26	16
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>			
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	183	217	59
HABEAS CORPUS	59	50	25
PRISONER CIVIL RIGHTS	0	0	0
OTHER PRISONER PETITIONS	101	94	57
<b>LABOR SUITS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAW</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>ALL OTHER</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

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Table 10

CIVIL APPEALS COMMENCED, TERMINATED AND PENDING BY NATURE OF SUIT OR OFFENSE DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

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NATURE OF SUIT	FILED	TERMINATED	PENDING
PRIVATE CASES	1,774	1,745	1,159
FEDERAL QUESTION (TOTAL)	1,621	1,599	1,046
CONTRACT ACTIONS	11	6	6
EMPLOYER LIABILITY ACT	2	6	2
MARINE INJURY	1	2	3
OTHER TORT ACTION	52	45	56
ANTITRUST	8	4	7
CIVIL RIGHTS			
EMPLOYMENT	257	269	208
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	245	260	170
PRISONER PETITIONS			
HABEAS CORPUS	412	398	188
PRISONER CIVIL RIGHTS	1	2	0
OTHER PRISONER PETITIONS	333	323	198
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	18	21	15
OTHER LABOR	82	63	54
COPYRIGHT, PATENT & TRADEMARK	35	49	18
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES & EXCHANGE	14	16	9
CONST. OF STATE STATUTES	10	9	6
ALL OTHER	140	124	106
DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP (TOTAL)	153	146	113
INSURANCE	54	44	40
CONTRACT ACTIONS	94	98	71
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	2	1	1
P.I. PRODUCT LIABILITY	2	3	0
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	0	0	0
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1	0	1

NOTE: This table includes appeals reopened, remanded and reinstated (after being terminated due to procedural defaults) as well as original appeals.

Table 11

CRIMINAL APPEALS COMMENCED, TERMINATED AND PENDING BY NATURE OF SUIT OR OFFENSE  
DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

NATURE OF OFFENSE	FILED	TERMINATED	PENDING
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>521</b>
<b>HOMICIDE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ROBBERY</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>ASSAULT</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>BURGLARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>LARCENY &amp; THEFT (TOTAL)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>INTERSTATE COMMERCE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>TRANS. OF STOLEN PROPERTY</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>POSTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>OTHER LARCENY &amp; THEFT</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>EMBEZZLEMENT</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>FRAUD (TOTAL)</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>INCOME TAX</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>POSTAL &amp; INTERSTATE WIRE, RADIO, ETC.</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>LENDING &amp; CREDIT</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>FALSE CLAIMS &amp; STATEMENTS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>OTHER FRAUD</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>

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Table 12

CERTIORARI DATA DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	CIVIL	CRIMINAL	BANKRUPTCY	TAX COURT	ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS	ORIGINAL PETITIONS	TOTALS
PETITIONS PENDING 01/01/03	32	27	0	0	1	0	60
PETITIONS FILED	316	132	2	1	3	2	456
PETITIONS GRANTED	4	0	2	0	0	0	6
PETITIONS DENIED	307	136	1	1	4	1	450
PETITIONS DISMISSED 01/01/03 to 12/31/03	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
PETITIONS PENDING 12/31/03	34	23	0	0	0	1	57

# U.S. Courts of Appeals Comparison Tables

U.S.C.A. Table 1

TYPE OF OPINION OR ORDER FILED IN CASES TERMINATED ON THE MERITS AFTER ORAL HEARING OR SUBMISSION ON BRIEFS DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

CIRCUIT	TOTAL	ORAL	WRITTEN & SIGNED		WRITTEN, REASONED & UNSIGNED *		WRITTEN, UNSIGNED WITHOUT COMMENT		PERCENT UNPUBLISHED
			PUBLISHED	UNPUBLISHED	PUBLISHED	UNPUBLISHED	PUBLISHED	UNPUBLISHED	
D.C.	494	0	238	0	3	252	1	0	51.0%
FIRST	578	0	335	20	12	211	0	0	40.0%
SECOND	1,982	0	432	1,495	55	0	0	0	75.4%
THIRD	1,936	0	297	951	6	636	0	46	84.3%
FOURTH	2,382	0	210	237	4	1,931	0	0	91.0%
FIFTH	4,396	0	452	119	63	3,744	0	18	88.3%
SIXTH	2,305	10	461	505	13	1,313	0	3	79.4%
SEVENTH	1,381	0	576	0	21	749	0	35	56.8%
EIGHTH	1,789	0	660	3	48	550	0	528	60.4%
NINTH	5,446	0	743	3	18	4,624	45	13	85.2%
TENTH	1,447	0	321	1,001	5	120	0	0	77.5%
ELEVENTH	3,155	0	281	39	122	2,472	0	241	87.2%
TOTALS	27,291	10	5,006	4,373	370	16,602	46	884	80.1%

This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

\* Includes only opinions and orders which expound the law as applied to the facts of the case and detail the judicial reasons upon which the judgment is based.

U.S.C.A. Table 2

APPEALS TERMINATED ON THE MERITS AFTER ORAL HEARING OR SUBMISSION ON BRIEFS  
DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

CIRCUIT	TOTAL	AFTER ORAL HEARING				AFTER SUBMISSION ON BRIEFS			
		TOTAL	% OF TOTAL	EN BANC	PANEL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL	EN BANC	PANEL
DC	494	282	57.1%	1	281	212	42.9%	0	212
FIRST	578	349	60.4%	3	346	229	39.6%	0	229
SECOND	1,982	1,120	56.5%	0	1,120	862	43.5%	0	862
THIRD	1,936	463	23.9%	4	459	1,473	76.1%	0	1,473
FOURTH	2,382	448	18.8%	3	445	1,934	81.2%	0	1,934
FIFTH	4,396	853	19.4%	6	847	3,543	80.6%	0	3,543
SIXTH	2,305	932	40.4%	14	918	1,373	59.6%	1	1,372
SEVENTH	1,381	765	55.4%	3	762	616	44.6%	0	616
EIGHTH	1,789	625	34.9%	7	618	1,164	65.1%	0	1,164
NINTH	5,446	1,922	35.3%	15	1,907	3,524	64.7%	0	3,524
TENTH	1,447	397	27.4%	4	393	1,050	72.6%	2	1,048
ELEVENTH	3,155	671	21.3%	6	665	2,484	78.7%	2	2,482
TOTALS	27,291	8,827	32.3%	66	8,761	18,464	67.7%	5	18,459

This table does not include data for the U.S Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

U.S.C.A. Table 3

APPEALS COMMENCED, TERMINATED AND PENDING BY CIRCUIT FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2003

CIRCUIT	FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING		
	2002	2003	% OF CHANGE	2002	2003	% OF CHANGE	2002	2003	% OF CHANGE
D.C.	1,107	1,220	10.2%	1,288	1,168	-9.3%	1,069	1,121	4.9%
FIRST	1,741	1,759	1.0%	1,613	1,610	-0.2%	1,369	1,518	10.9%
SECOND	5,356	6,534	22.0%	4,176	4,297	2.9%	5,277	7,514	42.4%
THIRD	3,702	3,955	6.8%	3,751	3,856	2.8%	3,144	3,243	3.1%
FOURTH	4,722	4,821	2.1%	4,957	4,607	-7.1%	2,359	2,573	9.1%
FIFTH	8,821	8,547	-3.1%	8,672	8,909	2.7%	4,690	4,328	-7.7%
SIXTH	4,600	5,044	9.7%	4,586	4,693	2.3%	4,034	4,385	8.7%
SEVENTH	3,466	3,418	-1.4%	3,333	3,275	-1.7%	2,149	2,292	6.7%
EIGHTH	3,228	3,110	-3.7%	3,055	2,919	-4.5%	1,619	1,810	11.8%
NINTH	12,388	12,694	2.5%	10,346	11,641	12.5%	10,534	11,587	10.0%
TENTH	2,676	2,509	-6.2%	2,562	2,595	1.3%	2,042	1,956	-4.2%
ELEVENTH	7,431	6,970	-6.2%	7,915	7,176	-9.3%	3,476	3,270	-5.9%
TOTAL	59,238	60,581	2.3	56,254	56,746	0.9%	41,762	45,597	9.2%

This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

U.S.C.A. Table 4

LENGTH OF TIME APPEALS PENDING, IN MONTHS, BY CIRCUIT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

CIRCUIT	TOTAL PENDING	0 - 3 MONTHS	4 - 6 MONTHS	7 - 9 MONTHS	10 - 12 MONTHS	OVER 12 MONTHS
DC	1,121	344	228	147	118	284
FIRST	1,518	354	294	265	175	430
SECOND	7,514	1,662	1,287	1,037	846	2,682
THIRD	3,243	867	834	548	364	630
FOURTH	2,573	967	734	397	212	263
FIFTH	4,328	1,785	1,211	743	319	270
SIXTH	4,385	1,163	818	705	514	1,185
SEVENTH	2,292	682	511	404	271	424
EIGHTH	1,810	606	391	390	226	197
NINTH	11,587	2,897	2,115	1,833	1,566	3,176
TENTH	1,956	549	446	343	213	405
ELEVENTH	3,270	1,387	797	476	231	379
TOTALS	45,597	13,263	9,666	7,288	5,055	10,325

U.S.C.A. Table 5

## APPEALS DISPOSED OF AFTER ORAL HEARING DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999 THROUGH 2003

CIRCUIT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	% CHANGE 2002 - 2003
DC	284	263	244	250	282	12.8%
FIRST	366	349	350	348	349	0.3%
SECOND	1,304	1,112	1,047	1,099	1,120	1.9%
THIRD	509	449	451	478	463	-3.1%
FOURTH	570	516	520	472	448	-5.1%
FIFTH	1,129	1,134	1,019	1,020	853	-16.4%
SIXTH	1,119	1,038	882	922	932	1.1%
SEVENTH	753	810	755	731	765	4.7%
EIGHTH	765	646	748	625	625	0.0%
NINTH	1,679	1,850	1,899	2,046	1,922	-6.1%
TENTH	491	556	447	422	397	-5.9%
ELEVENTH	960	841	982	743	671	-9.7%
TOTALS	9,929	9,564	9,344	9,156	8,827	-3.6%

This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

U.S.C.A. Table 6

TOTAL CASE PARTICIPATION IN CASES TERMINATED ON THE MERITS AFTER  
ORAL HEARING OR SUBMISSION DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

CIRCUIT	CASE PARTICIPATION BY						
	RESIDENT ACTIVE CIRCUIT JUDGES		RESIDENT SENIOR CIRCUIT JUDGES		VISITING JUDGES		SENIOR AND VISITING JUDGES
	NUMBER	PERCENT*	NUMBER	PERCENT*	NUMBER	PERCENT*	PERCENT*
D.C.	1,385	93.1%	103	6.9%	0	0.0%	6.9%
FIRST	1,267	72.7%	332	19.0%	144	8.3%	27.3%
SECOND	3,813	64.1%	1,642	27.6%	491	8.3%	35.9%
THIRD	4,378	74.8%	1,057	18.1%	415	7.1%	25.2%
FOURTH	6,428	89.7%	600	8.4%	140	2.0%	10.3%
FIFTH	12,350	93.1%	621	4.7%	290	2.2%	6.9%
SIXTH	4,121	58.4%	1,542	21.9%	1,389	19.7%	41.6%
SEVENTH	3,588	86.1%	578	13.9%	0	0.0%	13.9%
EIGHTH	3,763	69.3%	1,563	28.8%	101	1.9%	30.7%
NINTH	12,030	72.1%	3,790	22.7%	874	5.2%	27.9%
TENTH	3,373	76.8%	929	21.1%	92	2.1%	23.2%
ELEVENTH	8,204	86.1%	749	7.9%	576	6.0%	13.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64,700</b>	<b>78.2%</b>	<b>13,506</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>4,512</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>21.8%</b>

\* NOTE: Due to rounding, percents may not add up to 100.

This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Seventh Circuit  
District Courts  
Civil Tables

Civil Table 1

CIVIL CASES FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURTS  
DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2003

DISTRICT	FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	10,220	10,206	-0.1%	9,943	10,073	1.3%	7,868	8,001	1.7%
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	1,270	1,094	-13.9%	1,313	1,178	-10.3%	1,124	1,040	-7.5%
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	2,227	1,151	-48.3%	2,930	1,095	-62.6%	1,267	1,323	4.4%
INDIANA NORTHERN	2,030	2,104	3.6%	1,909	1,990	4.2%	1,664	1,778	6.9%
INDIANA SOUTHERN	3,073	3,041	-1.1%	3,165	3,049	-3.7%	2,900	2,892	-0.3%
WISCONSIN EASTERN	1,368	1,557	13.8%	1,321	1,276	-3.4%	1,256	1,537	22.4%
WISCONSIN WESTERN	744	759	2.0%	732	713	-2.6%	260	306	17.7%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20,932</b>	<b>19,912</b>	<b>-4.9%</b>	<b>21,313</b>	<b>19,374</b>	<b>-9.1%</b>	<b>16,339</b>	<b>16,877</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

Civil Table 2

**CIVIL CASES COMMENCED BY NATURE OF SUIT AND DISTRICT  
DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	ILLINOIS			INDIANA		WISCONSIN		TOTALS
	ND	CD	SD	ND	SD	ED	WD	
<b>TOTAL CIVIL CASES</b>	<b>10,206</b>	<b>1,094</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>2,104</b>	<b>3,041</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>19,912</b>
<b>UNITED STATES CASES</b>								
<b>TOTAL U.S. CASES</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>2,471</b>
CONTRACT	172	12	4	12	39	11	14	264
REAL PROPERTY	12	55	15	96	132	6	3	319
TORT ACTIONS	76	9	15	7	14	8	1	130
CIVIL RIGHTS	79	5	8	5	13	8	9	127
FORFEITURES AND PENALTIES	33	9	7	18	16	39	22	144
LABOR SUITS	29	13	13	3	11	5	4	78
SOCIAL SECURITY	135	34	44	82	183	65	25	568
ALL OTHERS	260	9	17	14	14	18	14	346
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>								
MOTION TO VACATE SENTENCE	107	37	51	49	42	34	27	347
HABEAS CORPUS	16	28	45	2	4	5	5	105
DEATH PENALTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIVIL RIGHTS	6	0	2	1	0	0	1	10
PRISON COND.	3	1	19	0	0	0	0	23
MANDAMUS & OTHER	8	0	0	1	0	0	1	10
<b>PRIVATE CASES</b>								
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE CASES</b>	<b>9,270</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>2,573</b>	<b>1,358</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>17,441</b>
CONTRACT	934	80	104	169	271	143	94	1,795
REAL PROPERTY	2,322	28	11	6	27	2	4	2,400
FELA	43	3	16	10	14	2	0	88
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	2	0	19	8	8	0	0	37
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	72	6	27	38	48	5	9	205
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	231	36	135	113	198	44	28	785
OTHER TORT ACTION	138	15	24	11	26	15	13	242
CIVIL RIGHTS	1,531	201	158	495	607	290	132	3,414
COPY RIGHT / PATENT TRADEMARK	481	25	11	28	80	87	45	757
LABOR SUITS	1,465	114	97	210	206	137	46	2,275
ALL OTHER	1,471	92	112	160	395	334	58	2,622
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>								
HABEAS CORPUS	221	60	30	282	386	173	73	1,225
DEATH PENALTY	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	4
CIVIL RIGHTS & PRISON COND.	354	220	166	280	304	123	129	1,576
MANDAMUS & OTHER	3	2	1	3	2	3	2	16

Civil Table 3

CIVIL CASES TERMINATED, BY DISTRICT AND ACTION TAKEN, DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

DISTRICT	TOTAL	NO COURT ACTION	TOTAL	COURT ACTION						
				WITHOUT TRIAL		DURING OR AFTER TRIAL				PERCENT REACHING TRIAL
				BEFORE PRETRIAL	DURING OR AFTER PRETRIAL	TOTAL	NON JURY	JURY		
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	10,073	2,171	7,902	7,088	684	130	48	82	1.3%	
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	1,178	191	987	939	12	36	10	26	3.1%	
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	1,095	59	1,036	972	28	36	16	20	3.3%	
INDIANA NORTHERN	1,990	139	1,851	1,218	604	29	14	15	1.5%	
INDIANA SOUTHERN	3,048	478	2,570	2,263	285	22	9	13	0.7%	
WISCONSIN EASTERN	1,276	279	997	962	20	15	2	13	1.2%	
WISCONSIN WESTERN	712	65	647	399	231	17	9	8	2.4%	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19,372</b>	<b>3,382</b>	<b>15,990</b>	<b>13,841</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	

Land condemnation cases are omitted.

Civil Table 4

MEDIAN TIME INTERVALS FROM FILING TO DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES TERMINATED,  
BY DISTRICT AND METHOD OF DISPOSITION, DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

DISTRICT	TOTAL CASES		NO COURT ACTION		COURT ACTION					
	# OF CASES	MEDIAN	# OF CASES	MEDIAN	BEFORE PRETRIAL		DURING OR AFTER PRETRIAL		TRIAL	
					# OF CASES	MEDIAN	# OF CASES	MEDIAN	# OF CASES	MEDIAN
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	9,123	5.2	2,005	5.1	6,335	4.6	658	12.5	125	26.2
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	811	8.1	158	7.8	619	8.6	12	20.0	22	21.0
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	817	9.0	54	5.9	709	9.6	23	22.0	31	23.0
INDIANA NORTHERN	1,312	9.8	118	4.5	602	5.4	569	13.3	23	28.5
INDIANA SOUTHERN	2,346	11.1	271	4.4	1,782	12.2	273	15.0	20	18.0
WISCONSIN EASTERN	921	8.5	224	5.7	665	8.1	19	19.4	13	23.5
WISCONSIN WESTERN	460	4.0	59	2.1	180	3.5	204	6.0	17	9.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15,790</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>2,889</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>10,892</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>24.2</b>

NOTE: Median time intervals computed only if 10 or more cases. All time intervals are reported in months.  
Excludes: land condemnation cases, prisoner petitions, deportation reviews, recovery of overpayments and enforcement of judgments.

Civil Table 5

CIVIL CASES PENDING, BY DISTRICT AND LENGTH OF TIME, AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

DISTRICT	TOTAL	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1 TO 2 YEARS	2 TO 3 YEARS	THREE YEARS & OVER	
					NUMBER	PERCENT *
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	8,001	5,254	1,475	793	479	6.0%
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	1,040	632	301	86	21	2.0%
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	1,323	833	302	111	77	5.8%
INDIANA NORTHERN	1,778	1,230	382	123	43	2.4%
INDIANA SOUTHERN	2,892	1,951	586	184	171	5.9%
WISCONSIN EASTERN	1,537	1,039	317	110	71	4.6%
WISCONSIN WESTERN	306	295	11	0	0	0.0%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16,877</b>	<b>11,234</b>	<b>3,374</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>5.1%</b>

\* Percent not computed when there are less than 10 cases.

Seventh Circuit  
District Courts  
Criminal Tables

**Criminal Table 1**

**CRIMINAL CASES COMMENCED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2003**

DISTRICT	FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING		
	2002	2003	%Change	2002	2003	%Change	2002 *	2003	%Change
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	903	832	-7.9%	728	864	18.7%	899	867	-3.6%
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	561	450	-19.8%	462	417	-9.7%	321	354	10.3%
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	203	276	36.0%	189	271	43.4%	171	176	2.9%
INDIANA NORTHERN	378	303	-19.8%	381	316	-17.1%	308	295	-4.2%
INDIANA SOUTHERN	232	216	-6.9%	186	213	14.5%	147	150	2.0%
WISCONSIN EASTERN	258	263	1.9%	209	211	1.0%	194	246	26.8%
WISCONSIN WESTERN	147	169	15.0%	114	149	30.7%	79	99	25.3%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,682</b>	<b>2,509</b>	<b>-6.5%</b>	<b>2,269</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>2,119</b>	<b>2,187</b>	<b>3.2%</b>

\* Revised.

NOTE: Percent change computed on 10 or more cases. Pending totals exclude each case in which the defendant has been a fugitive since before Oct. 1, 2002. However, no case with multiple defendants has been excluded unless all defendants in the case have been fugitives since before Oct. 1, 2002. This table includes all felony and class A misdemeanor cases, but includes only those petty offense cases that have been assigned to district judges.

**Criminal Table 2**

**CRIMINAL CASES COMMENCED, TERMINATED AND PENDING DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

DISTRICT	PENDING JAN. 1, 2003				COMMENCED					
	FELONY	MISDEMEANOR	OTHER <sup>2</sup>	TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	FELONY	MISDEMEANOR	OTHER <sup>2</sup>	REOPENS <sup>3</sup>	TRANSFERS	TOTAL
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	880	19	0	899	777	37	0	14	4	832
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	267	54	0	321	336	105	1	1	7	450
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	168	3	0	171	272	1	1	0	2	276
INDIANA NORTHERN	303	4	1	308	285	18	0	0	0	303
INDIANA SOUTHERN	141	5	1	147	203	5	4	0	4	216
WISCONSIN EASTERN	190	3	1	194	245	11	0	3	4	263
WISCONSIN WESTERN	79	0	0	79	161	6	0	0	2	169
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,028</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2,119</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2,509</b>
DISTRICT	TERMINATED						PENDING DEC. 31, 2003			
	FELONY	MISDEMEANOR	OTHER <sup>2</sup>	REOPENS <sup>3</sup>	TRANSFERS	TOTAL*	FELONY	MISDEMEANOR	OTHER <sup>2</sup>	TOTAL
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	811	36	1	10	6	864	843	24	0	867
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	331	82	1	0	3	417	275	79	0	354
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	260	3	2	2	4	271	174	2	0	176
INDIANA NORTHERN	294	20	0	1	1	316	291	3	1	295
INDIANA SOUTHERN	203	5	2	0	3	213	143	5	2	150
WISCONSIN EASTERN	199	9	0	1	2	211	235	10	1	246
WISCONSIN WESTERN	141	6	0	0	2	149	98	1	0	99
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>2,059</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,187</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> Primarily petty offenses assigned to district judges.

<sup>3</sup> Includes appeals from magistrate judges, reopens and remands.

NOTE: Pending totals exclude each case in which the defendant was a fugitive since before Oct. 1, 2002. However, no case with multiple defendants has been excluded unless all defendants in the case were fugitives since before Oct. 1, 2002. This table includes all felony and class A misdemeanor cases, but includes only those petty offense cases that have been assigned to district judges.

**Criminal Table 3**

**CRIMINAL CASES COMMENCED, BY MAJOR OFFENSE AND DISTRICT, DURING  
THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	ILLINOIS			INDIANA		WISCONSIN		TOTALS
	NORTHERN	CENTRAL	SOUTHERN	NORTHERN	SOUTHERN	EASTERN	WESTERN	
<b>GENERAL OFFENSES</b>								
HOMICIDE	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	6
ROBBERY	42	14	3	6	0	5	10	80
ASSAULT	5	0	1	6	1	6	1	20
BURGLARY	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
LARCENY	41	8	4	10	4	9	6	82
EMBEZZLEMENT	18	15	3	4	10	12	10	72
FRAUD	225	55	45	33	33	40	32	463
WEAPONS AND FIREARMS	86	58	73	101	56	52	28	454
FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING	23	2	1	6	7	5	3	47
DRUG LAWS	180	147	89	92	66	71	57	702
TRAFFIC	0	93	0	0	1	0	3	97
ESCAPE <sup>1</sup>	5	2	6	5	6	1	3	28
OTHER	56	20	11	16	15	16	3	137
<b>SPECIAL OFFENSES</b>								
IMMIGRATION	109	14	24	3	6	29	8	193
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	7
POSTAL LAWS <sup>2</sup>	6	1	1	6	0	1	0	15
OTHER	29	8	12	15	5	10	3	82
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>2,486</b>

NOTE: This table includes all felony and class A misdemeanor cases, but includes only those petty offense cases that have been assigned to District Judges.

<sup>1</sup> Includes escape from custody, aiding or abetting an escape, failure to appear in court and bail jumping.

<sup>2</sup> Obstructing mail, mailing non-mailable material, and other postal regulations.

**Criminal Table 4**

**MEDIAN TIME INTERVALS FROM FILING TO DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS, BY DISTRICT,  
DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

DISTRICT	TOTAL		DISMISSED		PLEA OF GUILTY		COURT TRIAL		JURY TRIAL	
	NUMBER	MEDIAN * MONTHS	NUMBER	MEDIAN * MONTHS	NUMBER	MEDIAN * MONTHS	NUMBER	MEDIAN * MONTHS	NUMBER	MEDIAN * MONTHS
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	1,346	9.9	77	27.0	1,206	9.4	1	0.0	62	18.5
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	474	7.8	51	2.8	416	8.2	1	0.0	6	0.0
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	424	7.0	20	4.1	400	7.1	0	0.0	4	0.0
INDIANA NORTHERN	419	8.2	31	14.1	352	7.7	2	0.0	34	17.1
INDIANA SOUTHERN	323	8.4	19	11.1	273	7.6	5	0.0	26	11.3
WISCONSIN EASTERN	305	8.0	11	7.5	272	7.7	3	0.0	19	10.3
WISCONSIN WESTERN	182	5.5	9	0.0	162	5.4	3	0.0	8	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>3,081</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11.0*</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>14.6</b>

\* Medians are computed only where there are 10 or more defendants.

NOTE: Defendants charged in two or more cases that were terminated during this year are reported only once.

This table's figures for total defendants exclude 790 transfers and 1,311 terminations for defendants charged in more than one case during this year. This table includes defendants in all felony and class A misdemeanor cases, but includes only those petty offense defendants whose cases have been assigned to District Judges.

Seventh Circuit  
District Courts Combined  
Civil & Criminal Tables

Civil / Criminal Table 1

WEIGHTED AND UNWEIGHTED FILINGS PER AUTHORIZED JUDGESHIP DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

DISTRICT	JUDGESHIPS	WEIGHTED FILINGS PER JUDGESHIP				UNWEIGHTED FILINGS PER JUDGESHIP			
		CIVIL	CRIMINAL	SUPERVISED RELEASE *	TOTAL	CIVIL	CRIMINAL	SUPERVISED RELEASE *	TOTAL
ENTIRE U.S.	676	339	187	6.11	532	350	119	24.45	494
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	22	390	100	2.08	492	438	64	8.32	510
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	4	227	172	4.88	404	265	100	19.50	385
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	4	255	182	6.94	445	274	106	27.75	407
INDIANA NORTHERN	5	351	134	3.40	489	409	78	13.60	501
INDIANA SOUTHERN	5	545	116	1.35	663	578	65	5.40	649
WISCONSIN EASTERN	5	302	117	4.15	423	297	69	16.60	383
WISCONSIN WESTERN	2	332	161	4.00	497	365	98	16.00	479

\* All numbers have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

**Civil / Criminal Table 2**

**CIVIL AND CRIMINAL TRIALS COMPLETED, BY DISTRICT, DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

DISTRICT	TOTAL ALL TRIALS	CIVIL			CRIMINAL		
		TOTAL	NON JURY	JURY	TOTAL	NON JURY	JURY
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	257	139	73	66	118	40	78
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	85	48	24	24	37	22	15
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	76	35	22	13	41	27	14
INDIANA NORTHERN	111	41	26	15	70	42	28
INDIANA SOUTHERN	145	83	73	10	62	37	25
WISCONSIN EASTERN	37	8	2	6	29	10	19
WISCONSIN WESTERN	38	23	14	9	15	5	10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>189</b>

NOTE: Includes trials conducted by district and appellate judges only. All trials conducted by magistrates are excluded. Includes land condemnation trials, hearings on temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, hearings on contested motions and other contested proceedings in which evidence is introduced.

# Seventh Circuit Bankruptcy Courts Tables

Bankruptcy Table 1

**BANKRUPTCY PETITIONS COMMENCED, TERMINATED AND PENDING DURING  
THE TWELVE MONTH PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2003**

DISTRICT	FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING		
	2002	2003	% CHANGE	2002	2003	% CHANGE	2002	2003	% CHANGE
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	57,598	59,068	2.6%	53,947	56,835	5.4%	46,867	49,100	4.8%
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	15,649	16,367	4.6%	14,837	16,059	8.2%	9,946	10,254	3.1%
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	9,084	10,076	10.9%	8,593	9,343	8.7%	8,224	8,957	8.9%
INDIANA NORTHERN	20,864	21,155	1.4%	18,516	20,572	11.1%	16,357	16,940	3.6%
INDIANA SOUTHERN	32,656	34,640	6.1%	30,757	32,314	5.1%	26,758	29,084	8.7%
WISCONSIN EASTERN	16,857	18,850	11.8%	15,397	18,615	20.9%	14,507	14,742	1.6%
WISCONSIN WESTERN	8,438	9,396	11.4%	7,588	8,649	14.0%	5,058	5,805	14.8%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>161,146</b>	<b>169,552</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>149,635</b>	<b>162,387</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>127,717</b>	<b>134,882</b>	<b>5.6%</b>

**Bankruptcy Table 2**

**ADVERSARY PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>PENDING 01/01/03</b>	<b>FILED 2003</b>	<b>TERMINATED 2003</b>	<b>PENDING 12/31/03</b>
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	3,136	5,021	3,954	4,203
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	333	849	689	493
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	150	846	602	394
INDIANA NORTHERN	692	963	961	694
INDIANA SOUTHERN	936	1,014	1,043	907
WISCONSIN EASTERN	683	650	696	637
WISCONSIN WESTERN	274	294	219	349
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6,204</b>	<b>9,637</b>	<b>8,164</b>	<b>7,677</b>

**Bankruptcy Table 3**

**BUSINESS AND NONBUSINESS BANKRUPTCY CASES COMMENCED, BY CHAPTER OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2003**

DISTRICT	2002	2003	% Of Change	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	TOTAL FILINGS	TOTAL FILINGS		CHAP 7	CHAP 7	CHAP 11	CHAP 11	CHAP 12	CHAP 12	CHAP 13	CHAP 13
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	57,598	59,068	2.6%	40,731	42,858	411	263	2	3	16,453	15,944
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	15,649	16,367	4.6%	13,358	13,983	45	35	27	22	2,219	2,327
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	9,084	10,076	10.9%	6,541	7,297	29	26	10	6	2,504	2,746
INDIANA NORTHERN	20,864	21,155	1.4%	17,468	17,650	41	60	2	7	3,353	3,438
INDIANA SOUTHERN	32,656	34,640	6.1%	25,547	27,047	155	110	0	7	6,954	7,476
WISCONSIN EASTERN	16,857	18,850	11.8%	13,654	15,393	24	22	8	5	3,170	3,430
WISCONSIN WESTERN	8,438	9,396	11.4%	7,409	8,208	45	47	15	14	969	1,127
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>161,146</b>	<b>169,552</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>124,708</b>	<b>132,436</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>35,622</b>	<b>36,488</b>

DISTRICT	TOTAL BUSINESS FILINGS	CHAP 7	CHAP 11	CHAP 12	CHAP 13
	ILLINOIS NORTHERN	681	435	237	3
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	166	105	35	22	4
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	144	92	17	6	28
INDIANA NORTHERN	203	117	57	7	22
INDIANA SOUTHERN	437	291	104	7	35
WISCONSIN EASTERN	191	139	22	5	25
WISCONSIN WESTERN	531	435	35	14	47
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,353</b>	<b>1,614</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>167</b>

DISTRICT	TOTAL NON-BUSINESS FILINGS	CHAP 7	CHAP 11	CHAP 13
	ILLINOIS NORTHERN	58,387	42,423	26
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	16,201	13,878	0	2,323
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	9,932	7,205	9	2,718
INDIANA NORTHERN	20,952	17,533	3	3,416
INDIANA SOUTHERN	34,203	26,756	6	7,441
WISCONSIN EASTERN	18,659	15,254	0	3,405
WISCONSIN WESTERN	8,865	7,773	12	1,080
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>167,199</b>	<b>130,822</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>36,321</b>

# Seventh Circuit Probation Office Tables

Probation Table 1

PEOPLE RECEIVED FOR SUPERVISION DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

DISTRICT	PERSONS UNDER SUPERVISION 01/01/03	TOTAL RECEIVED	TOTAL LESS TRANSFERS	JUDGE PROBATION	U.S. MAGISTRATE PROBATION	TERM OF SUPERVISED RELEASE	PAROLE/SPECIAL PAROLE	MANDATORY RELEASE	MILITARY PAROLE	BOP CUSTODY	REMOVED BY TRANSFER	RECEIVED BY TRANSFER
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	2,207	952	897	186	40	590	15	7	2	57	55	
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	616	258	239	17	8	179	3	1	0	31	19	
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	524	327	312	32	7	263	2	0	1	7	15	
INDIANA NORTHERN	560	382	349	53	14	206	3	0	3	70	33	
INDIANA SOUTHERN	518	318	256	30	7	163	3	2	1	50	62	
WISCONSIN EASTERN	592	371	348	39	5	185	2	1	2	114	23	
WISCONSIN WESTERN	244	111	83	7	3	71	1	1	0	0	28	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,261</b>	<b>2,719</b>	<b>2,484</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>235</b>	

PEOPLE REMOVED FROM SUPERVISION DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

DISTRICT	TOTAL REMOVED	LESS TRANSFERS	JUDGE PROBATION	U.S. MAGISTRATE PROBATION	TERM OF SUPERVISED RELEASE	PAROLE/SPECIAL PAROLE	MANDATORY RELEASE	MILITARY PAROLE	BOP CUSTODY	REMOVED BY TRANSFER	PERSONS UNDER SUPERVISION 12/31/03
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	795	749	189	38	489	18	8	2	5	46	2,364
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	252	229	15	7	187	7	0	2	11	23	622
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	298	273	28	10	231	4	0	0	0	25	553
INDIANA NORTHERN	295	273	38	12	177	8	0	2	36	22	647
INDIANA SOUTHERN	283	262	48	8	163	4	2	3	34	21	553
WISCONSIN EASTERN	349	332	42	16	159	5	1	0	109	17	614
WISCONSIN WESTERN	97	91	10	7	71	1	1	1	0	6	258
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,369</b>	<b>2,209</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>5,611</b>